GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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E-visa Facilities
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of E-visa facility provided by the Government to citizens of various countries along with the names of such countries;

(b) the safety measures taken in the interest of national security;

(c) whether inflow of tourists has increased after providing e-visa facility on arrival; and

(d) if so, the increase registered therein?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)

(a): The Government of India has launched e-Tourist Visa facility on 27.11.2014 with a view to facilitating foreign tourists visiting India. The scheme has since been extended to 150 countries. The names of such countries are attached as Annexure-I.

(b): The concerned Security Agencies are taking due care while issuing e-visa. There is provision of online registration and profiling of Tourists. At the arrival Port, biometrics of Tourists are also being captured.

(c&d): Since the launch of the scheme, approximately 10,65000 e-Visas have been issued under this scheme. The scheme has since been extended to 150 countries progressively. There has been increase of tourists coming on e-Visa. A chart showing total e-visa issued during the first six month of year 2015 & 2016 is given below :-

Period		Nos. Countries extended e-TV facilities	Nos of E-visas issued
From	To		
01.01.15	30.06.15	77	1,46,038
01.01.16	30.06.16	150	4,76,310

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